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SUBJECT: FUTURE WORK OF THE U.S.-SPANISH AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO

1. SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN DURAN SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING:

(A) A COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY TO RECEIVE A U.S. BRIEFING
ON PLANS FOR THE NATO SUMMIT. THIS WOULD NOT REQUIRE
THE PRESENCE OF WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. SPANISH NEEDS
COULD BE SATISFIED BY A BRIEFING BY EMBASSY PARTICI-
PANTS IN THE COMMITTEE.

(B) IF THERE IS A U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE
AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, THE SECRETARY MIGHT REVIEW THE
SUMMIT IN BROAD TERMS, WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING ON THE MARGIN TO RECEIVE A MORE DETAILED
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BRIEFING ON BOTH THE SUMMIT AND THE SPRING DPC
MINISTERIAL.

(C) A SECOND HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR EARLY IN THE FALL (HE
INITIALLY SUGGESTED JULY, WHICH WE POINTED OUT MIGHT BE
DIFFICULT, IN PART SINCE IT WOULD TAKE THE SPANISH SIDE
SOME TIME TO FORMULATE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS).

2. BRIEFING IN ADVANCE OF, AS WELL AS FOLLOWING, NATO MINISTERIALS IS SOMETHING THIS EMBASSY HAD EARLIER PUT FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT AS A POSSIBLE MEASURE APPROPRIATE TO AN INTENSIFYING DIALOGUE WITH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ON THE QUESTION OF ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN PREPARING A BRIEFING FOR THE SPANISH IN ADVANCE OF THE SUMMIT, WE BELIEVE THE POSITIVE IMPACT THIS WOULD HAVE ON ATTITUDES TOWARD NATO WITHIN THE GOS MAKES IT WORTHWHILE TO MAKE THE EFFORT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
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